ST530: Apologetics. 2 hours
Spring, 2011

Time: Th, 8:00 – 9:55 AM
Place: Chapel Annex

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Catalog Course Description
Students examine the various approaches to apologetic methodology and engage the most frequently raised objections to the Christian faith.

Expanded Description
The purpose of this class is to help students (1) understand the role apologetics plays in the life and work of the ministry, (2) develop an effective apologetic method grounded in Scripture and consistent with Reformed orthodoxy; and (3) identify and engage various common challenges, objections to, and attacks upon Christian faith on the contemporary scene. As a supplement this course includes a brief unit on logic focused on the analysis and construction of arguments.

Textbooks
Apologetic Prolegomena
K. Scot Oliphint, The Battle Belongs to the Lord, ISBN 9780875525617
Cornelius Van Til, Christian Apologetics, ISBN 9780875525112
Thom Notaro, Van Til & The Use of Evidence, ISBN 9780875523538

Pastoral Apologetics

Assignments
Complete the readings listed on the Course Schedule (see schedule) and be prepared to discuss that material in class. Accountability will consist of the following:

Course Grade
Reading Report Packet  20%  One paragraph per assigned passage, due at the oral exam (P/F)
Midterm Exam  30%  Covering Apologetic Prolegomena and Problems and Pastoral Applications
Oral Exam (Final) 50%  Demonstrating effective application of class content in ministry context
Total  100%